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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 011738.00078)

In the Application of Derek J. Harper)	
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Serial No. 09/070,269)	Confirmation Number: 4260
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Filed: April 30, 1998)	Group Art Unit: 3763
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For: A DEVICE USED TO CONNECT AN)	Examiner: Roz Maiorino
EXTERNAL VENTRICULAR DRAINAGE)	
CATHETER)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2005

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.



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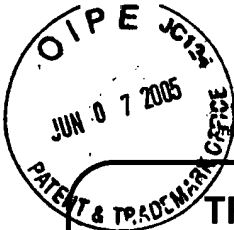
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